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On January 31st, the Multicultural Health Network (MHN) will hold their first quarterly Steering Committee meeting to formalize membership and discuss collaboration efforts between Utah's ethnic community leaders and the public and private sector in efforts to reduce health disparities in Utah.

The Steering Committee will be made up of 16 members: 7 to be nominated by MHN members, and one of the co-chairs from the Policy, CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services), and Data committees. The other 6 members will be selected through community mini-grants offered by the Center for Multicultural Health. All members are expected to meet certain criteria as defined in the *Steering Committee Roles and Responsibility* sheet.

The first two Steering Committee meetings will include presentations on the history of MHN and an update on their work in 2007, discuss and approved the MHN bylaws, as well as the committee goals for 2008. The Center for Multicultural Health and the Ethnic Health Advisory Council will be invited to present on their work thus far and their goals for the year to come, as well as their collaboration with the Multicultural Health Network.

The Steering Committee will play a key role in providing leadership and guidance to the MHN, build and bridge relationships and collaboration between the different sectors as well as provide opportunities to strengthen and build leadership in our diverse ethnic communities.

The nomination period will be open until January 15th, 2008. To nominate someone you need to be a member of MHN. C

- ◆ To know more about MHN, read about Steering Committee roles and responsibilities and to obtain the nomination form click here

www.health.utah.gov/cmh/community/MHN.htm

- ◆ For additional information or to become a member of MHN contact Isabel Rojas, MHN Coordinator, at Isabel@cuutah.org.

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THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP) OPENS FOR ENROLLEMENT

Governor Huntsman and the Utah Department of Health are working hard to insure Utah's children by promoting the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a health insurance plan for working Utah families. Despite a strong economy, 1 in 5 low-income children in Utah are uninsured.

To receive CHIP, children must qualify based on family size and household income. For example, a family of four earning up to \$41,300 a year may qualify. Once approved, CHIP covers well-child exams, immunizations, mental health services, dental care, hearing and eye exams, and more. CHIP does not require a co-payment for well child exams and immunizations.

Family Size	Maximum Gross Income Per Month	Maximum Gross Income Per Year
2	\$2,282	\$27,380
3	\$2,862	\$34,340
4	\$3,442	\$41,300
5	\$4,022	\$48,260
6	\$4,602	\$55,220
7	\$5,182	\$62,180

2007 Income Guidelines

Beginning in August of 2007, CHIP outreach workers hit the road in a newly-designed CHIP van to find and sign up as many children as possible. The van has crisscrossed the state stopping at schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, grocery stores, community centers, local health departments and other places. Local events were organized in every county, where parents of eligible children were able to get one-on-one information about benefits and apply on-site for coverage. The van campaign was developed to provide a recognizable symbol of the state's commitment to covering as many uninsured children as possible and continues to travel the state today.

To see where the CHIP van will be next, visit the CHIP website www.health.utah.gov/chip for a complete CHIP van tour schedule. CHIP is now open for enrollment and accepting applications.

Call 1-877-KIDS-NOW for an application or apply online at www.health.utah.gov/chip.

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SOCIAL/HUMAN SERVICES ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Over the last couple of years the State Department of Human Services (DHS) has collaborated with the Salt Lake Community College to create a Social/Human Services certificate program. Focus groups were held with staff from Juvenile Justice Services and the Division of Child & Family Services that helped develop the curriculum for the program.

This program is designed for people interested in giving to the community by assisting professionals with their clients in social service settings. With a focus on entry-level case management, students learn how to work in a team environment with professionals from a wide variety of fields such as psychology, rehabilitation, corrections, and/or social work. Due to the demand for skilled assistants, the program was developed with the help of representatives from government and private agencies who are looking to hire graduates. Courses focus on cultural growth, communication, ethical problem solving, and the computer skills needed to work in a social service environment. Successful students may find employment where they assist clients in identifying and obtaining services available from social and community agencies. Assistants may also assist licensed counselors or social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or adult day care. Other areas may be working with youth in the juvenile justice system and welfare services, or clients dealing with mental health issues, human relationships, rehabilitation, or other services designed to meet the needs of people in stressful life situations.

The program provides an education and career path toward a Social Work AA or AS degree. Students learn how to assist professionals from a wide variety of fields such as: Psychology, rehabilitation, corrections and social work.

Please disseminate this information to agencies, or individuals you feel should know about this program. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who may have an interest in human services to receive a certificate at an affordable price and can open many doors. This program is also recommended for high school seniors who may be thinking of a career in any of the social/human services fields. **Minorities of any age are encouraged to apply for this program.**

Classes start January 28, 2008. Monday – Thursday 5-10 p.m. - Full-time
(Part-time schedule available) 372 hours/6 months
South City Campus, 1575 South , State Street
Tuition: \$837.00 Application Fee: \$35 Lab Fee: \$20 Books/Supplies: \$350
More information: skills.center@slcc.edu

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DIRECTOR OF ETHNIC AFFAIRS NAMED

The Department of Community and Culture has a new leader at the Office of Ethnic Affairs. Palmer DePaulis, executive director of the Utah Department of Community and Culture, announced the appointment of Jesse M. Soriano as the new director for the Department's Office of Ethnic Affairs.

Mr. Soriano will oversee the programs and services of the Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, and Pacific Islander Affairs Offices, offices focused on partnering with other state agencies to ensure access and proper delivery of culturally competent state services to Utah's ethnic community.

Mr. Soriano, appointed director of Hispanic/Latino Affairs in October 2007, soon after was asked to fill in as interim director for the Office when the director of Ethnic Affairs resigned.

"We are delighted to fill this critical post with someone of Jesse's caliber," said Mr. DePaulis. "He is a proven leader and an insightful advocate – strengths that will well serve Utah's diverse ethnic communities."

Mr. Soriano most recently served as the director of the Health Sciences Ethnic Minority Affairs Office at the University of Utah, where he was a former member of the School of Medicine Admissions Committee. He also held the position of program administrator for Weber State University's Minority Community Programs Development and as senior specialist for the Educational Equity Center.

The Office of Ethnic Affairs works with the Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) to eliminate health disparities among minorities in Utah. We hope this election will help to strength this collaboration. CMH staff would like to congratulate Mr Soriano .¡Enhorabuena caballero!

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THE UTAH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

January 21st is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For those of you who are not familiar with the Utah Martin Luther King Human Rights Commission, here is a brief information about it.

Mission: The Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission is working diligently to promote education and awareness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ideals of diversity, equality and human rights for all.

History of the Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission (MLK Commission)

- In 1986, Utah declared the Martin Luther King holiday to be an official State of Utah holiday referred to as, the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Day."
- In 1991, a Governor's Executive Order established the State of Utah, Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission (MLK Commission).
- In 1993, the MLK Commission was successful in urging the renaming of 6th South Street in downtown Salt Lake City to "Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard."
- In 1995, 24th Street in downtown Ogden was renamed "Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard."
- In 1999, Governor Michael O. Leavitt re-authorized the Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission.
- In 2000, the Utah State Legislature voted to change the name of the holiday from Human Rights Day to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- In 2000, Governor Michael O. Leavitt signed the bill officially naming the holiday "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."
- In 2004 under Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr., the MLK Commission developed the statewide Adopt-A-School Program .
- In 2004, MLK Commission was placed with the Office of Ethnic Affairs, which is under the Department of Community and Culture.
- The MLK Commission is made up of 15 volunteers representing the ethnic and religious diversity of our state.
- The MLK Commission's primary focus is the annual "Drum Major Awards" Luncheon and the Adopt-A-School Program, "What's Your Dream" art, essay & poetry Project.

More information: http://community.utah.gov/MLK_commission/index.html

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Adult ESL Teacher Workshop– Professional Development Opportunity

A half-day workshop sponsored by both CAELA (Center for Adult English Language Acquisition) and the Utah State Office of Education. The workshop is entitled- Multilevel Lesson Planning for Adult English Language Learners. All practitioners or volunteers from 1) Tooele County and 2) the northern portion of Salt Lake County are invited. It will take place on Saturday, January 26 from 9 am to 1 pm at Horizonte Center (1234 South Main Street, SLC, UT84101). Participation is free, qualified participants are eligible for a \$50 stipend, and lunch will be served.

Those that are interested should RSVP by Jan. 11, 2007 to Irina Zaletnaya (801.578.8574 x 421, with the following information: name, school, position, years of experience, telephone, & email.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in Spanish

"Parents Matter" (*Los Padres son Importantes*) is a teen pregnancy prevention program that teaches parents the skills necessary to educate their children about various issues that they'll face as teenagers; such as communication and sexuality.

This is a pilot project sponsored by the CDC and will start next week, January 8th. Classes will be held in West Valley and we are looking to run 3 different groups of 15 parents each. Classes are given once a week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) in Spanish. Classes run from 5:30-8:00 PM., dinner and childcare will be provided. Parents will receive a certificate, a backpack full of gifts and can keep the class materials.

If you or someone you know may be interested in participating, please call 865-1619 and leave your information.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) UNVEILS FREE ONLINE HEALTH LITERACY TRAINING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Unified Health Communication 101: Addressing Health Literacy, Cultural Competency, and Limited English Proficiency is a free online learning experience designed to help health professionals improve their patient-communication skills, increase their awareness and knowledge of factors that affect their communication with patients, and implement patient-centered communication practices.

The course, developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration, comprises five modules and is estimated to take a total of 5 hours to complete. The course may be completed at the user's own pace and may be taken for credit (CEU/CE, CHES, CME, and CNE) or not for credit. More information, including registration instructions, is available at www.hrsa.gov/healthliteracy/training.htm

Non-Profit Executive Director Forum--SLC

This is a *free*, open session for executive directors. Join other nonprofit Executive Directors to discuss and devise solutions to challenges faced in leadership positions. UNA will provide the space, coffee and pastries. YOU will provide the discussion. Topic TBA.

Information and Registration:

Date / Time: January 9, 2008 - 8 am - 10 am

Location: UNA, 175 So. Main St., Suite 1210, SLC

RSVP to UNA at 801-596-1800 or dgomes@utahnonprofits.org



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MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING PROGRAM

The national Medical Interpreter Project prepares instructors to teach medical interpreters and bilingual health care staff. For a very limited time, grant funding is available to support candidates from children's hospitals. We are pleased to invite your organization to participate in this growing project! Using a tested curriculum and organizational design, the Medical Interpreter Project provides very cost effective training and support to children's hospitals that have a substantial need for language services. The goal is to improve communication between Spanish-speaking families and English-speaking hospital staff.

National candidates will be selected through a comprehensive process. The virtual training will begin in February and the on-site training will be in Phoenix the week of April 6 - 12, 2008.

Please recommend a potential instructor candidate for your organization. An internal candidate could be a current bilingual interpreter, trainer or a manager. An external candidate could be a bilingual instructor at a local university, community college, or interpreter service provider who will train interpreters for your organization. The instructor candidate completes and returns the application form with the collaboration of the Language Services leadership, a physician champion, and a hospital executive or designee.

For more information: mip@phoenixchildrens.com or at (602) 546-3355.

Web Seminar: Identifying and Addressing Disparities in Chronic Disease Management

January 22nd, from 3-4:30 PM EST.

The Disparities Solutions Center continues their Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sponsored web seminar series with "QI and the EMR: Identifying and Addressing Disparities in Chronic Disease Management".

The guest speakers are Dr. Lou Capponi, Chief Medical Informatics Officer at New York City Health and Hospital Corporation, Dr. Rand David, Director of the Department of Ambulatory Care and Associate Professor of Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and Dr. Thomas Sequist, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Health Care Policy at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

This web seminar will discuss the use of the electronic medical record in improving quality and reducing disparities. The 90-minute, interactive, web-based seminar is free and open to the public.

Register now <https://rwjf.webex.com/rwjf/onstage/g.php?d=577669093&t=a> as space is limited.

To view online archives of other web seminars in this series, visit the DSC website <http://file://www.massgeneral.org/disparitiessolutions/web.html>



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Director
American Indian Health Commission for Washington State

The American Indian Health Commission for Washington State, a non-profit organization consisting of delegates from federally recognized tribes and urban Indian health clinics, is seeking a Director.

This is a senior-level position responsible for carrying out the Commission's mission of improving the health status of AI/ANs through the promotion of increased tribal-state collaboration. Application instructions can be obtained by contacting Christine at 360-681-4636 or ckiehl@jamestowntribe.org

Management/Sales Marketing

Company: The Salt Lake Chapter of the American Red Cross

Job Description:

The Salt Lake Chapter of the American Red Cross seeks a Director for its Health & Safety program which provides CPR & First Aid training + related product sales to businesses and community sites. Responsibilities: marketing & sales; program & fiscal management; business plan development/implementation; customer service management; supervise 2 program staff & volunteers. Qualifications: BA/BS, 5+ years experience that includes marketing, program management & growth; strong communication/training skills; highly organized w/ good project management skills.

To Apply:

Please send cover letter + resume to Maxine Margaritis, CEO, at mmargaritis@utahredcross.org or mail to 465 South 400 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

Regional Director, Davis County

Company: United Way of Salt Lake

Job Description:

Join the fast-paced, exciting work environment of one of the premier human service organizations in the state. United Way of Salt Lake is currently seeking a Regional Director, Davis County. You will work within the communities in Davis County to develop, implement and refine strategies to best meet the needs of the residents. Develop resources and broaden base of financial support. Assist in assessment of community needs. Support the development of strategic initiatives.

Job Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, sales, business management or related field. Minimum ten years of work experience in progressively more complex positions. Extensive knowledge of Davis County community, including corporate, social service and governmental entities. Proven fund-raising abilities.

To Apply: Send resume to jobs@uw.org or visit www.uw.org

Prevention Specialist in our Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Program

Three quarter-time. Responsibilities include small group facilitation and classroom teaching in elementary and junior high school-based projects, in-home parent training, program development, evaluation, and outreach. Requires a master's degree in a related field, current enrollment in a relevant graduate program, or bachelor's degree with equivalent related work experience. Bilingual preferred.

Pro-rated Benefits

Please submit resume and cover letter to: shansen@cornerstoneslc.com

Sharon B. Hansen, M.S., Prevention Services Coordinator

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ABOUT THE CMH

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services.

Our mission is to promote accessible and high-quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.

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Martin Luther King Luncheon is on January 18 2008

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commission and the Office of Ethnic Affairs invites you to register on time. [Register now](#)

St. George Utah Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree

February 8-9, 2008 - St. George, Utah

St. George Utah Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree
Dixie Convention Center – 1835 Convention Center Drive, St. George, Utah

My Ancestors Found, a local Utah business, has pinpointed St. George, Utah as the place to be February 8-9, 2008. Family history and genealogy enthusiasts will be gathering at the Dixie Convention Center and will not be disappointed with the more than 100 classes being offered to help you jump start the process. The great thing about this is you don't even have to have Utah roots.

Pre-register online at www.MyAncestorsFound.com, by phone at 801.829.3295, or send a check to: My Ancestors Found; PO Box 187; Morgan, UT 84050.

Questions? Email: kimberly@myancestorsfound.com or call Holly at 866.701.5071

Logan Utah Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree

March 22, 2008 - Logan, Utah

Logan Utah Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree

Eccles Conference Center – On the campus of Utah State University, Logan.

Sponsored by: The Logan Regional Family History Center and My Ancestors Found

This one day event is drawing speakers and vendors from all over the U.S. It will feature 36+ terrific classes to choose from, more than 20 vendors and exhibitors, and the latest genealogy products and technology. Drawings for prizes will take place all day long with grand prize drawings at the end of the conference! Admission to the exhibit hall and keynote address is FREE to the public, and classes will be offered for a minimal fee.

The complete class schedule and exhibit hall map are available at www.MyAncestorsFound.com

Pre-register online at www.MyAncestorsFound.com, by phone at 801.829.3295
Email: kimberly@myancestorsfound.com or call Holly at 866.701.5071

For more events visit our calendar
<http://my.calendars.net/multicultural>

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